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1. The Office of State Reserves (Urząd Rezerw Państwowych - URP), established in 1950 by order of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party (PZPR), is responsible for planning emergency economic measures and for the stockpiling of essential raw materials and military products. Both the organization and activities of the office are based on the Soviet pattern in accordance with directives from Moscow. The office operates within the framework of the Five Year Plan on the basis of annual schedules.
2. The office, originally subordinate to the military team of the State Economic Planning Commission (PKPG),¹ was transferred to the office of the Premier in 1954. Despite this change, the military team, in conjunction with the Ministry of National Defense and the military departments of other ministries, continues to have prerogative in any revision of the quantity of items stocked.
3. The URP is located in the building of the Ministry of Light Industry. Exclusive of the staff of warehouses and the voivodship representatives of the Central Directorate for Granaries, the office employs 250 workers, or just half of the number employed prior to Gomułka's assumption of power.
4. The URP consults with various scientific institutions about the means of safeguarding stored items. Plants and institutions which hold emergency stocks for the URP are responsible for maintaining them and are forbidden to use them without the permission of the URP and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers. Even then the transaction is regarded as a loan, and the materials must be replenished within a certain period of time.
5. The URP is subject to auditing by the Central Committee of the PZPR (Communist Party) and by a special group acting for the Supreme Control Office (formerly the Ministry of State Control), which is subordinate to the Sejm (Parliament).²

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6. The following details concerning the organization structure of the URP are reported:
- a. Department (Departament) I is responsible for planning the operations of all the other departments and directorates, as well as for coordination with other governmental bodies.
 - b. Directorate VI (formerly Department II) supervises the stockpiling of foodstuffs and groceries.
 - c. Directorate (formerly Department) III supervises stockpiling of medical supplies and chemical products.
 - d. Directorate (formerly Department) IV is the financial and bookkeeping directorate (Zarząd Finansowo Księgowy), which is responsible for preparing balance sheets of the other directorates and departments and for financial coordination.
 - e. Directorate (formerly Department) V is responsible for stockpiling industrial raw materials essential for the operation of industrial plants. It includes a special section called the "fuel cell" (Kcomerka Paliwa) whose functions will be referred to below.
 - f. The Central Directorate for Silos (Cent. Zarząd Spichrzów) supervises the stockpiling of grain and cooperates closely with Polish Grain Directorate (Polski Zarząd Zbożowy - PZZ). It is the section of the Ministry of Purchase (Skupow) responsible for the collection and storage of cereals.
 - g. Independent Department (Wydział) of Manpower
 - h. General Secret Bureau
 - i. Legal Adviser's Department
 - j. Independent Department of Domestic Administration
 - k. Independent Military Department, which is the coordinator with the URP, the Ministry of National Defense (MON), and the military departments of the ministries. It is responsible for keeping the URP planning in line with general mobilization plans.
 - l. Office of the URP President (Prezes), who has ministerial status.
7. The following details are reported with regard to the organizational structure of Directorate III:
- a. Commercial Section (Wydział), which is responsible for purchasing materials in accordance with the directives of the planning department and the military section.
 - b. Technical Section, which is in charge of installations, storage methods and equipment and is directly responsible for all emergency depots of the directorate.

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- c. Planning Section
- d. Financial and Bookkeeping Section
- e. Domestic Administration Section

The directorate is managed by a director and his deputy.

8. Directorate III is responsible for stockpiling of the following materials:

- a. Hospital equipment, such as beds, blankets, mattresses, sheets, and pillow cases. Five hundred thousand units of each of the items are regularly stocked.
- b. Clothing for the hospital staff and patients, including clothes, towels, nurses' and orderlies' uniforms. Stocks amount to 1,500,000 units of each item.
- c. First aid kits for the Civil Defense Organization (TOPL). Stocks: 100,000 sets.
- d. First aid kits, chemical defense for TOPL: 100,000 sets
- e. Equipment for dental clinics (quantity not known)
- f. Surgeon's kits: 100,000 sets
- g. Complete sets of surgical instruments of all types (quantities not known)
- h. Chemicals used as raw materials by the pharmaceutical industry.

9. According to the system recently introduced, medical equipment and hospital supplies are stored in complete sets. Emergency hospitals are to consist of selected rest homes and hotels which forward periodic reports on the number of beds and rooms at their disposal to Directorate III.

10. Directorate III has the following emergency depots:

- a. Depot (Zespól Magazynowy) No. 22 is located in a forest about one and one-half kilometers east of Niemce (N 51-22, E 22-38), northeast of the Lublin-Lubartow road near the Bystrzyce railroad station. Although a former German ammunition dump, most of the present structures were built in 1953-1954 and the depot was not put into use until 1955. The compound is surrounded by a concrete wall two and one-half meters high which is topped with barbed wire. The stocks were placed 50 meters from the wall according to regulations. About 30 persons, including ten members of the Industrial Guard who act as fire patrol are employed there. The director of the depot and the guard commander live on the site, where there are also guest rooms for official visitors, while other employees live in adjacent villages. Five kilometers from the depot toward the Wieprz River there is a military camp.
- b. Depot No. 24 is located about two kilometers east of the Szyba (N53-48, E22-22) railroad station near the Bialystok-Grajewo-Elk railroad line. The depot was constructed at the same time as No. 22, which it resembles in such details as design, personnel and equipment.

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- c. Depot No. 27 is located in a forest about two kilometers northwest of the Szepletowo³ railroad station, not far from the Warsaw-Bialystok railroad line. The site contains a one-story building which was formerly a warehouse for the Ministry of Health. It is surrounded by a concrete wall and is connected to the main rail line by a branch line. It stocks the same items as Depot 22 and has a similar number of employees.
 - d. Depot No. 36 is located in the building of the CeTeBe Import-Export Agency at 27 Fabryczna Street, Lodz, where it occupies the rear section of the six-story structure. Medical appliances, X-ray equipment, and electric and laboratory equipment are the principal items stored in the area which measures about 3,000 square meters. However, it is planned to transfer these stocks outside of the town.
 - e. Depot No. 38 occupies an old three-story building on Szyperska Street, Poznan, where it has 5,000 square meters of storage space. The depot contains all of the equipment and appliances, beds excepted, for the establishment of emergency hospitals. The depot supplied various drugs to hospitals during the local riots of 1956.
 - f. Depot No. 51 is located on Grabiszynska Street, Wroclaw (Breslau), opposite the German cemetery on the site of a former textile factory. New installations have been added, and the storage space totals 12,000 square meters. The depot is staffed by 50 men, including elements of the Industrial Guard. Directorate III shares the facilities with Directorate V for the industrial materials and eventually all of the depot will be taken over by the latter.
11. Emergency stores for Directorate III were under construction at the following locations in early 1957:
- a. Approximately three to four kilometers west of the Rabszyn (N 50-18, E 19-37) railroad station. The buildings, which are similar to those of Depots No. 22 and 24, were to be ready for use by the end of 1957.
 - b. Approximately six kilometers northwest of Tomaszow³ near the railroad line to Koluszki. The buildings, also similar to those of Depots No. 22 and 24, are scheduled to be completed by late 1957.
12. Following are the locations of the emergency stores of Directorate VI, which is responsible for stockpiling of foodstuffs and groceries:
- a. Warehouse No. 85 (Skladnica Nr. 85) is located southeast of Dabie (Altamm N 53-24, E 14-40) in the vicinity of the junction of the Dabie-Pyrzyce and the Dabie-Stargard-Szczecinski highways, in a forest not far from the Plonia River. Before World War II, this site was occupied by a German factory for electric appliances, which comprised four large industrial buildings. The Soviets removed all the machinery from the plant and at present the buildings serve as warehouses. In addition to the old structures, the Poles constructed two large one-story buildings with a combined storage space of 150,000 square meters. The warehouses are surrounded by a concrete wall, and a branch railroad line enters the compound. Stocks include such commodities as meat preserves, matches, soap, candles, sugar, and rice. The foodstuffs are frequently exchanged according to a fixed rotation scheme. The staff, including the guard, numbers 30 men.

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- b. Another warehouse is located in Bydgoszcz and stocks meat preserves. It is controlled by the Central Directorate for Meat Products.
 - c. Warehouse No. 21 is located east of Ketrzyn (N 51-18, E 19-38) near Karolewo and Kruszewiec and the junction of the Węgorzewo-Ketrzyn and Ketrzyn-Giżycko railroad lines, near the Karolewo agricultural school. The site contains an old three-story building, seven large one-story structures, and a three-story management building. The storage space covers an area of 15,000 square meters and is surrounded by a concrete wall. A branch railroad line leads into the compound. The site is one kilometer square and is not camouflaged at all. The goods stored in this store resemble in quantity and type those in No. 85, and the staff also numbers 30 men.
 - d. Warehouse No. 19 is located just under one kilometer south of the Pruszkow³ railroad station in an open lot. Built during 1953-1954, it resembles depot No. 22 at Miemce. The depot is surrounded by a concrete wall, and a special railroad line leads to the compound. Foodstuffs and groceries are similar to those stored at Warehouse No. 85.
13. Following are the locations of the emergency stores of Directorate V (for industrial materials):
- a. A government warehouse (Skladnica Panstwowa) is located approximately three kilometers south of Siedlce³ near the road to Lukow. There are two large four-story buildings which measure 200 x 50 meters which formerly belonged to the Match Monopoly (Monopol Zapalczany). One building is used by the PZ, while the second serves the purposes of Directorate V. A concrete wall was erected around the latter and, near the entrance outside the wall, a one-story structure was built to serve as a billet for the Industrial Guard. There is no railroad line in this depot. Stocks include hard and soft, leather, various chemicals, and other raw materials.
 - b. Government Warehouse No. 71 is located near Olechow (N 51-03, E 21-28) near the Andrzejow railroad station, not far from Lodz. Built in 1954 according to the standard pattern, it resembles the installations at Depot No. 22. The area is located in a wood and surrounded by a concrete wall. Materials stored there include leather, crude rubber, and billets of copper, tin, brass, aluminium and other metals, as well as sheet metal for the production of cans.
 - c. A government warehouse, located in a suburb of Poznan, was completed in 1956. Articles stored there include leather, crude rubber, and various metals in billets.
 - d. A government warehouse (number unknown) is located approximately seven kilometers south of Radom and one to three kilometers from the Zakowice railroad station near Podkanow, where it occupies the site of a former German arms factory. The buildings are of the standard type and are surrounded by a high concrete wall. Various types of metal in billets are stored there. The staff totals approximately 30 men.
14. The fuel section of Directorate V responsible for maintaining adequate stocks of various types of fuel for emergency uses, has no storage facilities of its own. It uses depots of the Central Petroleum Directorate (Centralny Zarzad Naftowy), which are supervised and frequently checked by the section's personnel.

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15. The Central Directorate for Silos which uses some of the storage space of the Ministry of Agricultural Foodstuffs and Purchases and maintains direct contact with the PZZ, which controls a network of granaries in the districts and voivodships. The Directorate for Silos has district representatives who are responsible for setting aside predetermined quantities of grain at each of these storage facilities as emergency stocks for the URP (quantities unknown). The grain is exchanged by a fixed rotation scheme to prevent spoilage.
16. Stocks of raw materials for the explosives' industry are stored by the plants themselves under the control of the ERG Central Directorate which administers these enterprises. There is close cooperation with the Ministry of Metallurgical Industry in matters connected with the stockpiling of various metals, since the storage facilities at the disposal of Directorate V are inadequate. Similarly plants subordinate to the Ministry of Machine Industry, as well as others, hold stocks of machinery and essential parts.
17. Following are locations of depots which serve as military emergency stores:
- a. A depot for clothing, personal and unit equipment for the Rear Services Command is located in the suburbs of Lodz, at the end of Pryncypalna Street in the direction of Pabianice. This site, which served as a military warehouse before World War II, comprises many two-story brick structures. It is surrounded by a concrete wall and a special branch line leads to the compound. It is staffed by military personnel.
 - b. An emergency depot for medical goods which belongs to Medical Services Headquarters (Zefowstwo Sluzby Zdrowia) is located one kilometer southwest of Celastynow village. It was built during 1952-1953 and served as a model for other URP depots with regard to layout and organization. Stocks include general medical supplies, surgical equipment and general hospital equipment. The depot is also manned by military personnel.
18. The following persons in the URP are known:
- a. Basiuk (fnu), [redacted] has headed Directorate V since 1954. [redacted]
 - b. Freizinger (fnu), [redacted] is the head of Directorate IV. [redacted]
 - c. Godlewski (fnu), [redacted] has headed Directorate III, [redacted] since 1955. [redacted]
 - d. Iwaniuk (fnu), [redacted] has headed the military department since 1953. [redacted]
 - e. Katz (fnu), [redacted] has been the chairman of the URP since its establishment. [redacted]

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f. Kisztrzak (fnu), [redacted] is the deputy head of Directorate IV.

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g. Launart (fnu), [redacted] has been the head of Department I since 1951.

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h. Majchrowski (fnu), [redacted] has headed the Central Grain Directorate since 1954.

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i. Mazurek (fnu), [redacted] has been the head of the URP director's office since 1954.

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j. Sternika (fnu), (female), [redacted] has been the head of Directorate IV since 1954.

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k. Wajnerowicza (fnu), (female), head of the personnel department since 1955

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1. Now the Planning Commission of the Council of Ministers.
2. It was not publicly announced that the Ministry of State Control had been abolished until December 1957.
3. There are several towns of the same name.

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Legend to Sketch A

A. No. 22 Depot, near Niemce village (area approximately one by one kilometer)

B. Forests

1. Warehouse No. 1 (surgical instruments and sterilizing equipment)

2. Warehouse No. 2 (bandages and gauze)

3. Warehouse No. 3 (general hospital equipment)

4. Warehouse No. 4 (household goods and clothing)

5. Warehouse No. 5 (stretchers)

6. Warehouse No. 6 (physio-therapeutical equipment and dentists' equipment)

7. Warehouse for such inflammable goods as alcohol

Note: Warehouses No. 1-6 are one-story structures 50 by 200 meters in area, with loading ramps at each warehouse. Total storage area of the depot is 7,000 square meters.

8. Management offices

9. Guards' and firemen's quarters

10. Entrance to the depot

11. Building which houses the apartments of the director, the guard commander and guest rooms

12. Gate of the railroad

13. Road to Niemce (distance of one and one-half kilometers)

14. Main railroad line to Bystrzyca station

TTTTTT Two and one-half meter high concrete wall topped with barbed wire

X Watch towers equipped with searchlights

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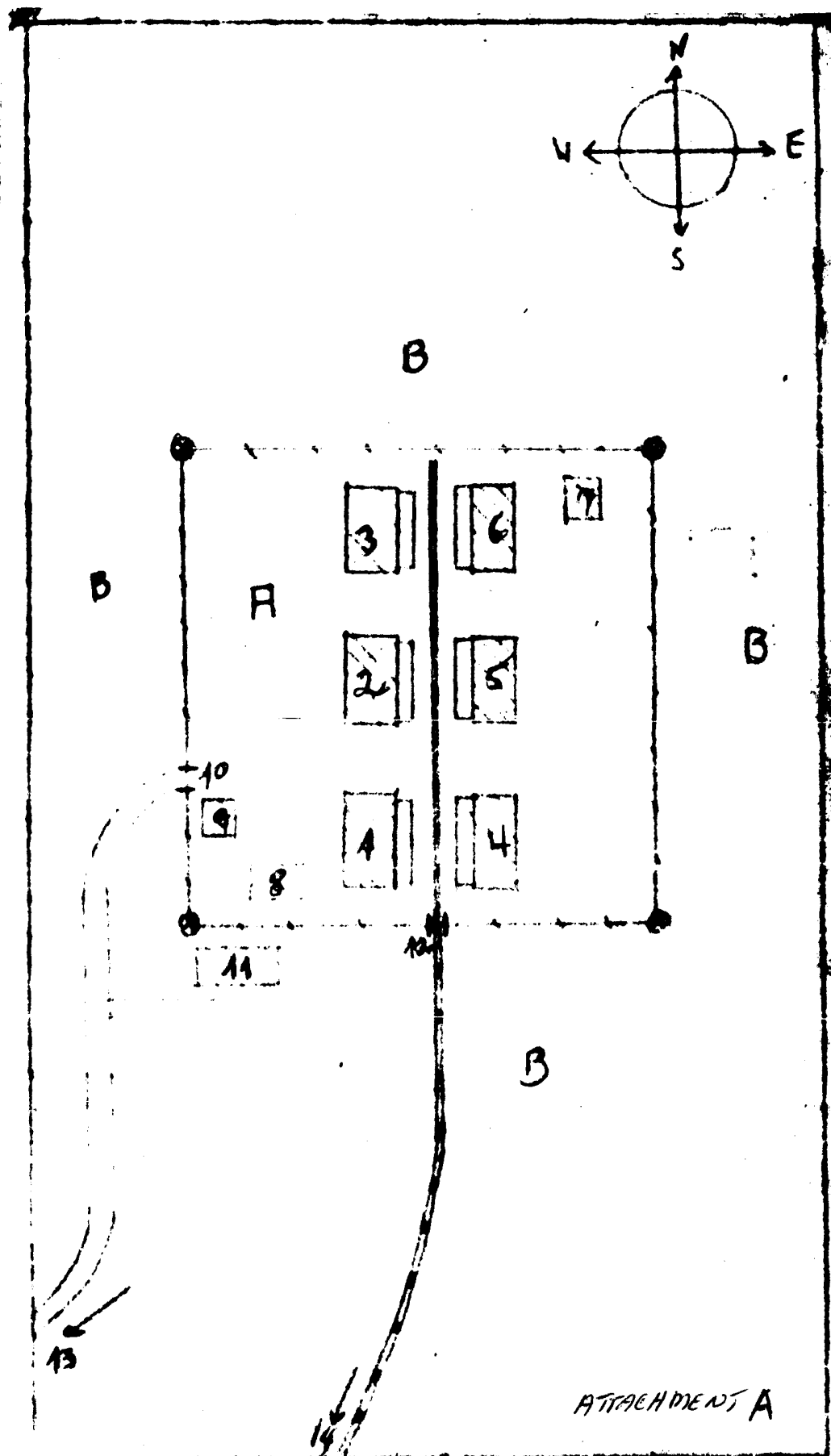
Legend to Sketch B

- A. No. 51 emergency depot at Wroclaw
- B. German cemetery
- C. Ruins
- 1. Management building including guard quarters and fire station
- 2. Clothing warehouse
- 3. Stretcher warehouse
- 4. Warehouse for beds
- 5. Medical and surgical appliances' warehouse
- 6. Warehouse for field kitchens and sterilizing equipment
- 7. Medical equipment warehouse
- 8. Entrance to the management building and the depot
- 9. Railroad gate
- 10. Railroad crossing

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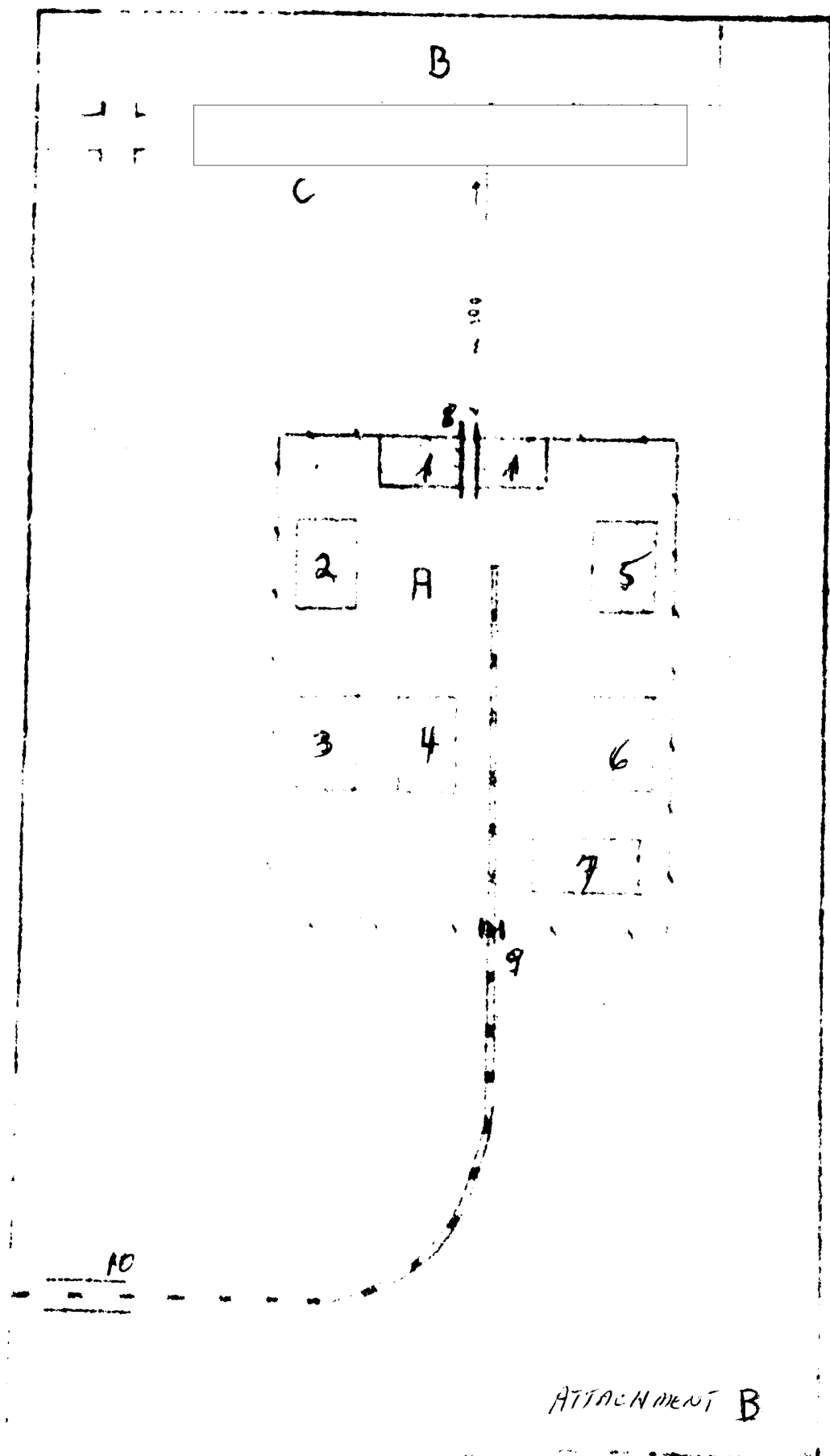
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